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SUB: CARR ARRESTEE AND PRISONER SERVICES: DEPORTATION OF PETTY
NARCOTICS OFFENDERS

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1. PRETRIAL CONFINEMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IS MINIMAL.
THE VAST MAJORITY OF DRUG ARRESTS ARE FOR POSSESSION OF SMALL
AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR WHICH IS A FINE
OF \$300 TO \$1,000 AND/OR SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON.
THESE PERSONS ARE INVARIABLY TRIED WITHIN ONE WEEK OF ARREST,
OFTEN WITHIN TWO DAYS. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE JUDGE WHO TRIES
ALL THE DRUG CASES TO SENTENCE AMERICANS TO PAY A FINE RATHER
THAN SERVE TIME IN PRISON: HOWEVER, WHEN NEITHER THE PRISONER
NOR HIS FAMILY OR FRIENDS HAVE MONEY TO PAY THE FINE HE MUST
SERVE ONE DAY IN PRISON FOR EACH \$1.00 OF FINE, UP TO TWO YEARS
CONFINEMENT, AFTER WHICH HE WILL BE RELEASED.

2. THE SUBJECT OF DEPORTATION OR EXPULSION OF PETTY NARCOTICS
OFFENDERS, IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION, WAS ONCE RAISED INFORMALLY
WITH POLICE CHIEF GENERAL NEIT NIVAR (WHO IS ALSO CHIEF OF
NARCOTICS CONTROL). GENERAL NIVAR REFUSED TO CONSIDER IT,
INDICATING IF AN INDIVIDUAL CHOSE TO SHOW HIS DISRESPECT FOR THE
LAWS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BY BRINGING IN DRUGS, HE WOULD BE
TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW AND WOULD NOT
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BE ALLOWED THE OPTION OF DEPARTING WITHOUT PENALTY.
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